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1. I AM OF COURSE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY EMBASSY PARIS' REPORT OF PAK CHARGE IQBAL RIZA'S STATEMENT THAT THE PAK-FRENCH REPROCESS-ING PLANT CONTRACTS CALLED FOR THE FIRST DELIVERIES WITHIN THREE WEEKS AND THAT POSTPONMENT IN THIS PAKISTAN PRE-ELECTION PERIOD WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT. THIS IS CONTRARY TO MY UNDERSTANDING WITH BHUTTO OF SOME TIME AGO (AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) THAT, WHILE CIVIL WORKS MIGHT BEGIN BY EARLY 1977, EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT BEGIN ARRIVING HERE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR. ALSO IT IS CONTRARY TO MY LATER UNDERSTANDING OF BHUTTO'S POSITION THAT WE ARE NOW IN A PERIOD OF DE FACTO DELAY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY SENSITIVE FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE CONTRACT WITH THE FRENCH, AS I REPORTED MORE RECENTLY.

2. WITH BHUTTO ON THE POLITICAL HUSTINGS, I BELIEVE THE BEST APPROACH FOR ME TO TAKE WOULD BE TO SEE FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI AND ASK HIM ABOUT THE PARIS REPORT, CITING ITS SOURCE ONLY AS A HIGHLY RELIABLE ONE IN FRANCE. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, I WILL DO SO AS EARLY AS FEASIBLE AND REPORT THE RESULT.

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